

# **Sphynx Breed Advisory Committee**

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### **Introduction**

This document has been prepared to ensure that breeders observe what is considered 'Best Practice' when breeding Sphynx cats and in particular when planning a breeding programme.

Sphynx, as in common with other new breeds owe their origin to a very small number of cats. It must always be remembered that many of the early Sphynx bred were closely related to each other.

### **Aims**

In order to produce and maintain the best quality cats it is necessary at times to have selective outcrossing as other breeds have had to do at the inception.

The Sphynx originally come from a domestic shorthair and it is believed this is the best line for outcrossing. Variants from these matings can be very useful because of their unrelated bloodlines and the ability to select the best points from a particular cat.

### **Guidelines**

All cats used for outcrossing should be thoroughly researched, of sound temperament and free from all hereditary defects. Breeders should ensure that to the best of their knowledge, any Sphynx or Sphynx Variants which are used for breeding should conform to the above and match the Standard of Points as closely as possible

It is recommended that progeny from any matings not required for breeding purposes should be placed on the Non-Active Register to avoid the introduction into other breeds.

It is recommended any Sphynx used for breeding should be heart scanned annually. The resulting certificate should not indicate evidence of HCM"